

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:****Pages S12911–13****Amendments Submitted:****Pages S12913–68****Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S12968****Privileges of the Floor:****Page S12968****Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—371)**Page S12877**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:04 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, December 11, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12969.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine the Federal role in overseeing the safety of public transportation systems, after receiving testimony from Senator Mikulski; Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation; David J. Wise, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Brian Cristy, Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, Boston; and John B. Catoe, Jr., Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and William Millar, American Public Transportation Association, Washington, D.C.

### DATA-DRIVEN PERFORMANCE

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine data-driven performance, focusing on using technology to deliver results, after receiving testimony from Aneesh Chopra, Chief Technology Officer and Associate Director for Technology, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Vivek Kundra, Federal Chief Information Officer, Administrator for Electronic Government and Information Technology, Office of Management and Budget; Roger W. Baker, Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Information and Technology; and Brad Douglas, Georgia Department of Administrative Services Commissioner, Atlanta.

### FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine aviation safety, focusing on Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) safety initiatives, after receiving testimony from Randolph Babbitt, Administrator, Fed-

eral Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

### GRID-SCALE ENERGY STORAGE

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of grid-scale energy storage in meeting our energy and climate goals, after receiving testimony from Steven E. Koonin, Under Secretary for Science, Jon Wellinghoff, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Robert McGrath, Deputy Laboratory Director, Science and Technology, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, and Elliot Mainzer, Executive Vice President, Corporate Strategy, Bonneville Power Administration, all of the Department of Energy; Ralph D. Masiello, KEMA, Inc., Chalfont, Pennsylvania; and Kenneth Huber, PJM Interconnection, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 373, to amend title 18, United States Code, to include constrictor snakes of the species *Python* genera as an injurious animal, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1214, to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, to improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1421, to amend section 42 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation and shipment of certain species of carp;

S. 1519, to provide for the eradication and control of nutria in Maryland, Louisiana, and other coastal States;

S. 1965, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the State of Louisiana for a pilot program to develop measures to eradicate or control feral swine and to assess and restore wetlands damaged by feral swine;

H.R. 509, to reauthorize the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004;

H.R. 2188, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to conduct a Joint Venture Program to protect, restore, enhance, and manage migratory bird populations, their habitats, and the ecosystems they rely on, through voluntary actions on public and private lands;

H.R. 3433, to amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to establish requirements regarding payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are funded under that Act;

H.R. 3537, to amend and reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994;

S. 1397, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to award grants for electronic device recycling research, development, and demonstration projects, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1660, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the emissions of formaldehyde from composite wood products, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

A proposed resolution relating to Army Corps study for Espanola Valley, Rio Grande and Tributaries, New Mexico; and

A proposed resolution relating to the General Services Administration.

### DEFENSE TRADE COOPERATION TREATIES

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, done at Washington and London on June 21 and 26, 2007 (Treaty Doc. 110–07), and Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, done at Sydney, September 5, 2007 (Treaty Doc. 110–10), after receiving testimony from Andrew Shapiro, Assistant Secretary of State; and James A. Baker, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Grayling Grant Williams, of Maryland, to be Director of the Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement, and Elizabeth M. Harman, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, both of the Department of Homeland Security, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NEEDS OF CHILDREN IN DISASTERS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery concluded a hearing to examine children and disasters, focusing on a progress report on addressing needs, after receiving testimony from Craig Fugate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Nicole Lurie, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, RADM, U.S. Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; William Modzeleski, Associate Assistant Deputy Secretary, Office of Safe and Drug-

Free Schools, Department of Education; Paul G. Pastorek, Louisiana State Superintendent of Education, Baton Rouge; Mark K. Shriver, National Commission on Children and Disasters, and Matt Salo, National Governors Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Melissa Reeves, National Association of School Psychologists, Bethesda, Maryland; and Douglas W. Walker, Project Fleur-de-lis, New Orleans, Louisiana.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jacqueline A. Berrien, of New York, Victoria A. Lipnic, of Virginia, and Chai Rachel Feldblum, of Maryland, each to be a Member, and P. David Lopez, of Arizona, to be General Counsel, all of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Patrick Alfred Corvington, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Adele Logan Alexander, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Lynnae M. Rutledge, of Washington, to be Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department of Education, and Sara Manzano-Diaz, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Women's Bureau, Department of Labor.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 448, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, with amendments; and

The nominations of Rosanna Malouf Peterson, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, William M. Conley, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, Denny Chin, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Paul R. Verkuil, of Florida, to be Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States, and John Gibbons, to be United States Marshal for the District of Massachusetts, Richard G. Callahan, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, and John Leroy Kammerzell, to be United States Marshal for the District of Colorado, all of the Department of Justice.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Caryn A. Wag-

ner, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Analysis, and Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 24 public bills, H.R. 4259–4282; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 220; were introduced. **Pages H14742–43**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H14743–44**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 964, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4173) to provide for financial regulatory reform, to protect consumers and investors, to enhance Federal understanding of insurance issues, and to regulate the over-the-counter derivatives markets (H. Rept. 111–370);

In the matter of Marc Goldberg (H. Rept. 111–371); and

H.R. 2843, to provide for the joint appointment of the Architect of the Capitol by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the House of Representatives and Senate, and the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees of Congress with jurisdiction over the Office of the Architect of the Capitol (H. Rept. 111–372, Pt. 1). **Page H14742**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Blumenauer to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H14447**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, December 8th:

*Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should provide increased Federal funding for continued type 1 diabetes research:* H. Res. 35, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should provide increased Federal funding for continued type 1 diabetes research; **Page H14461**

*Ann Marie Blute Post Office Designation Act:* H.R. 4017, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 43 Maple Avenue in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, as the “Ann Marie Blute

Post Office”, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  recorded vote of 419 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 950; and **Page H14480**

*Expressing support for the designation of a National Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month to raise awareness of and promote research into this challenging disorder:* H. Res. 55, to express support for the designation of a National Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month to raise awareness of and promote research into this challenging disorder. **Page H14496**

*Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010—Conference Report:* The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 202 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 949. **Pages H14450–80**

H. Res. 961, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 948, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 947. **Pages H14460–61**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 961 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote. **Pages H14450–51**

*Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules:* The House agreed to H. Res. 962, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, by a yea-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 951, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection. **Pages H14480–87**

*Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009:* The House resumed consideration of H.R. 4173, to provide for financial regulatory reform, to protect consumers and investors, to enhance Federal understanding of insurance issues, and to regulate the over-the-counter derivatives markets.